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BETHEL M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH-- near Dilleys Mill

When the southern members found old Mt. Zion closed to them in 1867, and the years brought but little change in the situation, the Dilleys and Shraders, with John Dilley as leader decided to build a church of their own.

The land was given - 140 poles by John Dilley and Naomi his wife and 14 poles by Robert Shrader and Maria his wife, to John Dilley, Adam C. Moore, Preston Harper, Robert Shrader and Uriah Bird, trustees, and is dated April 28, 1877.

John Dilley also gave much of the lumber. Martin Hoover was one of the carpenters. Others who were active in building this church were Clayton Dilley, Andrew Dilley, Jeremiah (Jerry) Dilley and Robert Shrader.

Clayton Dilley was for many years the class leader.

The records from 1880 to 1920 show the following additional members: Amelia Wanless, Clara Fertig, Minnie McCarty, Mary Fertig, Missouri Dilley, George H. Shrader, Willie Shrader, Emma Shrader Elliot, Bell Shrader, John F. Shrader, Lena Shrader, Anderson Dilley, Blanche Shrader, Stella Shrader and Charles M. Elliot.

This church is heated by a wood stove, has a good organ, comfortable seats, oil lamps and carpets.

Just before it was again united with Mt. Zion, the main church workers were: Maud Dilley, Grace Deputy, Hevener Dilley, and Loleta Varner, with them and their families along with the families of C. K. Moore and Merion Galford as the main ones to attend church.

The history of these churches are so closely associated as the original members of Mount Vernon, Bethel and the church on Thorny Creek, were at one time members of Mt. Zion.

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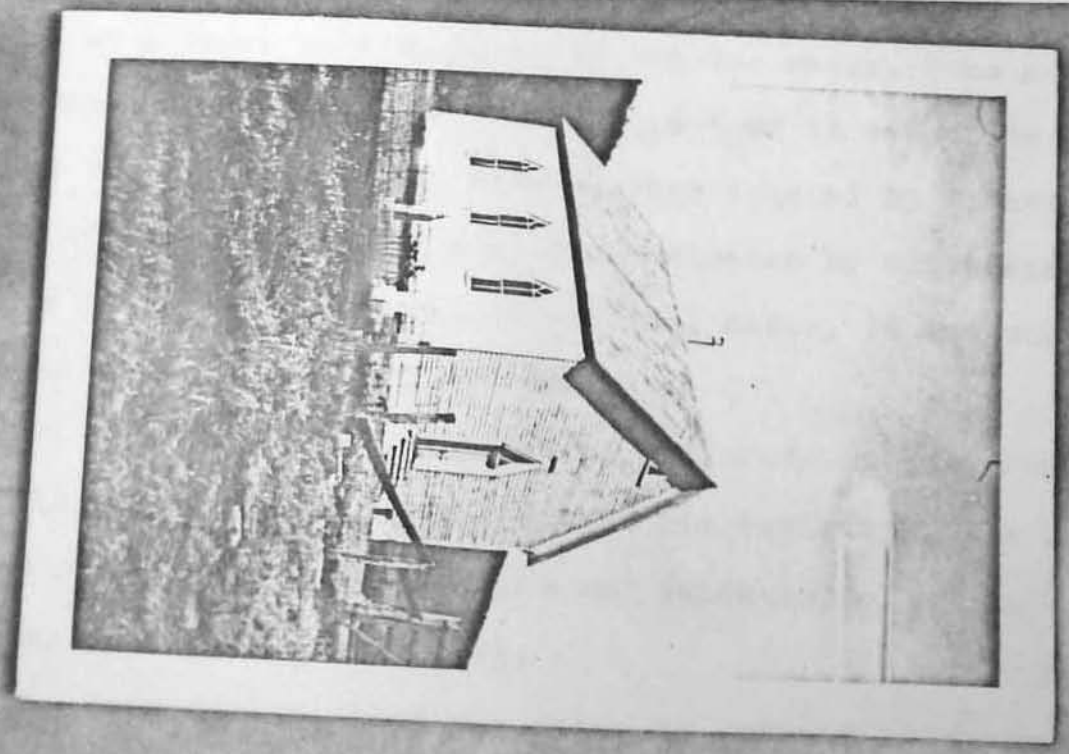

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BETHEL M. E. CHURCH--BACK ALLEGHANEY MOUNTAIN

The first church services on Back Alleghaney Mountain were held in the Wanless school house, later in the Moore school house and then in the Cherry Grove school house. The Hevener Brethern church had been built in 1904 but it was not used by the Methodists, so in 1906 the Methodists began to talk of building a church of their own. The idea met with approval, and a building committee of the following men was appointed, Ben Simmers, Forrest K. Moore, Strickler McLaughlin and Enos Curry.

The people of the community gave the timber and had it sawed on a local mill operated by Charles Mauze. Some money was donated by the people, and the rest of it was collected on the day of dedication. Five dollars donated by Ernest Moore of Dunmore was the only money donated by outsiders.

The carpenters were George and Fred Mauze. It was completed and dedicated on October 6, 1906.

The church was built during the pastorate of Rev. John McNeill, with Albert VanDevender as his assistant. The circuit had gotten to large for one man and Vandevender had been sent to take over part of the work.

The deed for the land was given by Forrest K. Moore and Margaret E. Moore his wife, to Forrest K. Moore, Enos F. Curry, Thomas H. McLaughlin, John F. Wooddell and Thomas Houchin, trustees of Bethel church, Durbin circuit, Lewisburg District, Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South and their successors, etc.

The present church records show a membership of 45 for this church but there are only a few working members, and the church is a very weak one. The present workers are J. Frank Curry, Wallace Curry, David N. Moore, Forrest K. Moore and Mrs. Annie Cromer.

The trustees are W. B. Curry, J. Frank Curry, Cecil Houchens.

The stewards are Annie Cromer, J. Frank Curry, L. D. Nottingham and David N. Moore.

This summer the church had a lot of much needed repair work done on it. A new foundation, new flue, roof painted, new stoves and new windows. Most of the labor for this work was done by the people as a contribution. Material cost amounted to around $100.

This church is an appointment on the Arbovale circuit since the union of the Methodist churches. Rev. D. K. Carder is the present pastor.

It is in sight of the Hevener Brethern church, and looks to me like the case of just one to many churches for a rural community.